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The end of the spring semester of 1956 [illegible] many [illegible] were building [illegible] Hall, [illegible] Hall, [illegible] the Natural History Building, the Library, the [illegible] Building, and the [illegible] House. The buildings in the [illegible] quarters for the single men. Married [illegible] Stadium Terrace. Parking facilities were made available, and [illegible] re-arranged where it was necessary.

In the same [illegible] Alpha Chapter [illegible] members who [illegible] bringing the total [illegible] football [illegible] were added [illegible]. The results of these [illegible] encouraging. Participation in a well [illegible] rehabilitation program was, as always, on a voluntary basis for each participant.

At the end of the spring semester of 1956, [illegible] Chapter membership had increased to [illegible] members, nine of whom were girls. With the increased number of girls and married men in the organization, [illegible] dancing was [illegible] for the first time in our history [illegible] carried out [illegible] football [illegible].

The [illegible] during the 1956-57 basketball season [illegible] not only with new uniforms but also with new cheerleaders.

Four members of Alpha Chapter have graduated and taken responsible positions in business and professions. [illegible] Alpha Chapter [illegible] with one or two years [illegible] and participation in the organization have taken responsible positions in [illegible]. Many members of our alumni [illegible].

Death has [illegible] Alpha [illegible] suffered the [illegible] loss of two [illegible] members, [illegible] on January [illegible], 1956, and [illegible] on June [illegible], 1956.

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1 Depo, Frank; Attorney at Law, Book Island, [illegible] graduate, June [illegible].
2 Drake, Harold; Currently hospitalized, former student at U of I and U of New Mexico.
3 Henderson, Thomas; Student, U of New Mexico, [illegible], N. Mex.
4 Hjelter, Harris; Hospitalized, V.A. Hospital, [illegible], Ill.
5 Holloway, Willard; Personnel & Labor Relations, [illegible] Paper Bag Company Inc. St. Louis, Mo., Graduate U of I, Feb. [illegible].
6 House, Ray; National Membership Affiliation, [illegible], Ill.
7 Lemburg, Wayne; [illegible] Management, Springfield, [illegible], Feb. 1950.
8 La Presti, Joe; [illegible] Home in Skokie, Ill.
9 Makris, John; Assistant in Veterinary Clinic, [illegible] Pre Vet. training U of I, Feb. 1951.
10 Rouse, Glenn; Restoring in Danville, Ill.
11 Sayers, Shirley; Working with Aurora, [illegible] U of I [illegible].
12 Schub, Dan; Journalist, Chicago, graduate June [illegible].
13 Steinman, [illegible]; Student, U of New Mexico, [illegible] N. Mex.

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[illegible], Jr., Engineering.
[illegible]

[illegible], Jr., [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible], Jr., [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible], Jr., [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible], 25, Jr., D.S.S.
[illegible]

[illegible], Chem. major working on Masters.
[illegible]

[illegible], 20, Soph., Art.
[illegible]

Jack "[illegible]" Chase, 23, D.S.S.
[illegible]

[illegible], 26, first year [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible], 23, Fr., [illegible].
[illegible]

[illegible], Fr., Gr., Pol. Sci.
[illegible]

[illegible], Fr., I.S.S.
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[illegible], Fr., Comerce.
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[illegible] residing in Florida.

Lila Jean Hussert, 22, L.A.S.

We are hoping that next year she will let our president [illegible] out of the hospital. She performed very well as our number one cheerleader and was picked up by more D.S.O. members than any other girl on campus.

Tom Luttier, Commerce.

The fiery little red head who on a Friday was quoted as saying "I don't want anything to do with women," and the [illegible] Did mighty well, too, but after all he's in Commerce 'cause he [illegible] work with figures.

Bob Miranda, 26, L.A.S.

Sammy's cousin has been brought to the attention of Harry [illegible]. The President is seriously considering the advisability of taking this unparalleled seller of tickets into his cabinet as Secretary of the Treasury. Bond sales have been lagging lately.

Dan "Red" O'Connell, 18, Fr., L.A.S.

The Gizz Kids are indeed fortunate to have a player like Red, who is not only the envy of the team but also has Basketball down to a science.

Al Oelschlegel, 31, Sr., Commerce.

Old man Oelschlegel, no longer makes his pilgrimages to Galesburg. Humphrey finally convinced Hattie that the shortest distance between two places is the same place.

Al Pettit, 18, L.A.S.

"Pap" Al is still stacking up demerits. All those who want their cars washed send their names and addresses directly to Al.

John Prince, 21, Sr., Commerce.

John is the great silent lover of D.S.O. who moves around the feminine world with great ease dispite his shyness.

Peter Raisch, Pre-law.

Will speak with or without provocation on any topic at any time and in any place.

Salo "Plowboy" Rebhun, 33, L.A.S.

We would like to know how much Sol finally got for plowing Tim's victory garden four months too early. Sol is also an ardent lover and is always trying to learn bigger and better ways of winning a maiden's honor without the ties of matromony.

Bob Ryan, The Congenial Philosopher.

Already some hint has been given by "Prof." Taylor of the Physiology Department that Bob is bound to get his "B.S." degree. "Prof." Taylor was overheard telling Bob, "I have been looking for someone like you for a long time, someone who is really interested in physiology."

Ronald "Truman" Smoot, 22, Sr., Engineering.

There was a young man named Smoot,
Who was D.S.O. president to boot.
He tried to fire Tim,
Though it was only a whim,
And was out of office on his snoot.

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[illegible] The High [illegible]

John "[illegible]" Storer, Jr., [illegible]
DRIVING [illegible]: [illegible], [illegible] on any [illegible] night. [illegible] women [illegible].

Bill Strang, 20, Commerce.
The man with the [illegible] car. Is it [illegible] to the parking lot or did he sell the motor?

Don "[illegible] Beach" [illegible], [illegible] All [illegible]
No more [illegible] convertibles for [illegible]. [illegible] on the [illegible] of the [illegible] of the [illegible] realize all of us [illegible] the age to [illegible]

[illegible] Taylor, [illegible], Electrical Engineering.
[illegible] already shown great potentiality [illegible] in [illegible] of the "circumstances beyond his [illegible]

[illegible] Thompson, Sr., L.A.S.
The Wild Bull of the [illegible] Jersey Pampas. [illegible] while climbing on [illegible] soap boxes. He [illegible] this is an [illegible] hazard to which all [illegible] are subjected.

[illegible] Truxell, 19, Fr. L.A.S.
Our own candidate for the title of America's [illegible]. [illegible] building [illegible], is planning to look upon; proof of this [illegible] reminder of this fact her fortissimos exceed the [illegible]

[illegible] Thornlake, 21, Soph., L.A.S.
Tall, dark, and interested in her subjects--Psychology.

Bob [illegible], [illegible], Soph., Commerce.
Bob [illegible] to have a private parking space on Peabody Dr. or could it be that he [illegible] all convertibles or just black ones?

[illegible] Winchester, 25, Journ.
Tube-City Slugger! Challenges anyone to a game of [illegible].

[illegible] "Curly" [illegible], 19, Fr., Commerce.
Curly's [illegible] some of the loveliest papered [illegible] [illegible] of this building are always [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] in the paper. Even Freida, the [illegible], [illegible] of [illegible]. This paper must have been [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] out all [illegible].

[illegible] "[illegible] Girl" [illegible], 21, L.A.S.
The [illegible] thing that [illegible] since [illegible]

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Dear Members:

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2. [illegible]

3. [illegible]

4. It is the responsibility of every individual to see to it that his own health and welfare is not overlooked. Participation in general recreational and athletic programs plus necessary and desirable attention to direct physical therapy is at the discretion of the individual member. Take advantage of this! Without the best possible physical well being there can be no success, individually or organizationally.

If all the above are kept in mind consistently, there can be little doubt as to your success and that of the organization.

Since leaving the University in February, I have entered the field of "[illegible]," under the [illegible] Brothers [illegible] of St. Louis, Missouri. I like the work and feel that D. S. [illegible] has contributed a great deal to my present situation. I believe it [illegible] to the basic [illegible] of Human Relations—[illegible] along with people. The [illegible] of [illegible] in [illegible] exceeded by the true meaning and [illegible]. The [illegible] only [illegible] insofar as my own particular job is concerned. It is the [illegible] that I am deeply indebted to Delta Sigma Phi.

It is my wish for all of you that you have a happy and successful year.

Sincerely yours,

William D. [illegible]
National President

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The Theodore [illegible] Memorial Fund [illegible] located at the University [illegible] Illinois [illegible] fund, [illegible] in each [illegible] the [illegible] medical work.

The charter has been written [illegible] purpose. Too many [illegible] called, [illegible]. Thus, [illegible] and [illegible] language.

Is there a need for such a fund? [illegible] one of many, let us remember that last year [illegible] hundreds of victims of the polio epidemic. Almost complete recovery for many has resulted, but at the same time, many are [illegible] and to [illegible]. These [illegible] all [illegible]. The [illegible] the most important [illegible] in the [illegible] life. [illegible] is [illegible] for life. [illegible] determined although they are usually not [illegible] for all whether they are [illegible]. For the [illegible] children, it is [illegible] wonderful adjustment [illegible] together. [illegible] could be given. [illegible] might [illegible] the [illegible] families of the United States cannot [illegible] not to [illegible]. They [illegible] about the [illegible] there can be no doubt [illegible]

During [illegible] of 1950, [illegible] purposes:

(1) To educate the public about the [illegible]
(2) To let more people know about the [illegible] of Illinois [illegible]
(3) To let more people know about the [illegible] Fund and to acquire money for the Fund.

[illegible] Johnson, [illegible] for the [illegible] was placed [illegible] from the [illegible] stamps. [illegible]

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Towing [illegible]

Jasper County Fair - [illegible]
Perry County Fair - Pinckneyville, Illinois
Champaign County Fair - Urbana, Illinois
Eastern Ill. State Fair - Danville, Illinois
Rogers County Fair - Rogers, Illinois
Illinois State Fair - Springfield, Illinois

The space at these fairs was donated by the different fairs [illegible]

The [illegible] of the [illegible] Champaign, Illinois [illegible] for transportation was furnished by the [illegible] Company. The different displays were donated for the [illegible] following:

Pictorial Display - Minas P. [illegible]
Pictorial Display - [illegible]
Pictorial Display - Illinois [illegible] for the [illegible]
Wheelchair Display - American Wheelchair Co., [illegible]
Wheelchair Display - Chicago Wheelchair Co., [illegible] and [illegible] Co., [illegible]
Brace Display - Pope Foundation, Kankakee, Illinois

Grout, [illegible], and [illegible] expenses were [illegible]. This first venture was not a financial success. Expenses and donations were approximately even. Complete expense and donations lists are available from the [illegible].

Though financially unsuccessful, this project carried the U.S.O. name for and wide. Proof of this lies in the fact that [illegible] from widely distributed sources have been received. All of the contacts made, the benefits received, and those being received by the U.S.O. have yet to determine the full success of the venture.

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Article I - [illegible]

Section 1: The name of this fund shall be [illegible]. This fund was created [illegible] Sigma Omicron, [illegible] Theodore Lesley. This [illegible] tion for Theodore Lesley's [illegible] judiced school and organizational work, and the [illegible] intelligible [illegible] of life and the [illegible] therein.

Article II - Purpose

Section 1: To aid disabled young people in [illegible] demonstrants deem necessary by the offering of, or the purchasing of:

1. Medical, therapy, or orthopedic supplies.
2. Books, tuition fees, or other educational fees and necessities.
3. Any other necessities which are deemed as such for the continuance of the recipient's education, or the furtherance of a productive life.

Article III - Source

Section 1: Donations or contributions by individuals or organizations.

Section 2: Receipts received from activities sponsored in the name of the fund by Delta Sigma Omicron or any other worthy institution, organization, or individual.

Article IV - Administration

Section 1: A committee, consisting of not less than three members selected by the national president of Delta Sigma Omicron, with approval of the executive board of Delta Sigma Omicron, administers all stipulations of the Theodore Lesley Memorial Fund with the exception of withdrawing from said fund any money or properties which must be authorized in writing by the national president and national treasurer of Delta Sigma Omicron. This committee may remain intact indefinitely on approval of each new executive board. (It is desired that members of this committee not be changed with each election of new officers.)

Article V - Qualifications of Applicants

Section 1: Applicants must be citizens of the United States.

Section 2: Applicants must be of a physecal condition requiring additional consideration for the furtherance of their educational and living pursuits which may or may not be aggravated by an economic insufficiency.

Section 3: Applicants must show the desire to advance themselves.

Section 4: Applicants must possess potentialities for [illegible] some kind.

Section 5: Applicants should show a noticeable degree of [illegible] community and social affairs with [illegible] standards of living.

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At the last meeting of Alpha Chapter, Mr. Nugent, Faculty Advisor, was elected to and agreed to serve as chairman of the Harold Scharper Memorial. Since the memorial is to be one of recognition of achievement and service it was felt that knowledge of and access to all facts pertaining to all phases of school attendance and participation was essential. These Mr. Nugent has always at his disposal. This is also true because the fund is a voluntary function of several alumni members who are able to maintain contact with the Rehabilitation office.

The memorial shall have two awards. One, the big one, is an "Achievement Award" which will be granted each year to the senior who has evidenced the greatest achievement in his or her attendance at the University, his or her participation in D.S.O. and the special rehabilitation program. The second shall be a "Service Award" based on outstanding service in any one given year and may be awarded a member in any year of school, preferably a sophomore or junior.

The money originally received from Harold Scharper's many friends, shortly after his passing, shall be used for the purchase of one large and beautiful plaque, "D.S.O.-Harold Scharper Achievement Award," on which will be inscribed the name of the Achievement Award winner each year for permanent record and display. A second plaque, "D.S.O.-Harold Scharper Service Award," smaller but equal in beauty shall also be purchased, on which the winners each year will be permanently inscribed.

The money which has been volunteered and pledged to the fund each year by alumni will be used for the purchase of small trophies which will be awarded each year to the recipients for their own keeping. The first alumnus to pledge this money was Mr. Willard D. Holloway, past president of Alpha Chapter, and past National president, and his wife. The D. W. Swifts, A. G. Oelschlegels, T. J. Nugents, and others have joined in this pledge.

Mr. Nugent will select two alumni members of recent graduation, possibly past recipients of the Achievement Award, who are in knowledge of the achievements of graduating seniors and current year students, each year to serve on the awards elections committee with him, as well as one other member of the staff. Nominated candidates will be asked to appear personally before the committee members before final selection is made.

It is planned that first awards be made for the school year just completed. This will probably be done at the first meeting in the fall of 1951.

A more explicit charter of the memorial is planned for the future.

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[illegible] adorned by the wives and [illegible] of the fraternity [illegible] a great deal of zest and enthusiasm.

The beginning strikes proved to be no fluke since the scores rose higher as the season went on. There were three wheelchair teams and two ambulatory teams. The Sooners, captained by Al Oelschlegel, showed their finesse and captured the lead at the beginning. They remained in the top spot until the last ball was in the pit, and they maintained an amazing season's average of 97.3, the new record. Behind the Sooners [illegible] Setters, captained by Ron Smoot, with the Squatters, captained by [illegible] Blankenship, bringing up the rear.

The competition [illegible] the [illegible] bowlers was equally as hot. The two teams battled [illegible] with the Sticks finally [illegible] out a small lead in the end. The Sticks were captained by John Makris and they averaged 95.5 for the season. [illegible] Hollaway's Stompers were right behind with a 94.2 average for the season. The individual scoring ace of the wheelchair bowlers was Al Oelschlegel who set a new individual game record of 163 and led all other wheelchair bowlers with the season's average of 113. John Makris was the leading scorer in the ambulatory group.

The wives competed with themselves and with the Sad Sacks (composed of able-bodied friends, helpers and faculty members of the fraternity). The Sad Sacks proved too much for the weaker sex and took high scoring averages for the league. Individual leaders were Charlie Schmidt for the Sad Sacks with a 131.5 average and Pat Anderson for the women.

FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS OF 1950

Our wheelchair football season this year was marked by successes for all concerned, except for the poor married men.

The [illegible], quarterbacked by [illegible], [illegible] the title by winning three and losing one. Using the single-wing attack, they were paced by Jack Chase and Don Swift in the running department and [illegible] Schmidt in the passing.

The WHITE FLASHES, quarterbacked by John Prince finally succeeded in beating the Blues, 20 to 7, giving them a successful season just as a Navy victory over Army would be. John Prince, John Makris, and Lee Wise provided the punch for the Whites from the T-formation.

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[illegible] single. The very [illegible] (1) [illegible] by the single men, 20 to 6, in the next game of the year.

Both the Blues and Whites provided [illegible] plays, giving the crowd a lot of excitement in all the games. [illegible] on both teams helped provide for the faster, [illegible] and more [illegible] polished game we now have.

The personnel for both teams include:

BLUE STREAKS		WHITES FLASHES	
Don Swift	b.	Les [illegible]	b. & e.
Jack Chase	b.	[illegible]	b.
Bob Waller	b. Capt.	John [illegible]	b.
Tom Luttier	e.	John Prince	b. Capt.
Bill Fife	c.	Al Oelschlegel	e.
Bob Miranda	e.	Bill Strang	e.
Chuck Schmidt	b.	Doyne Haas	e.
Don Townsend	e.	Wayne Eccles	e.

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

The basketball season of 1950-51 is rapidly drawing to a close. The season's record against wheelchair teams stands at three wins and two losses. The Gizz Kids defeated Kansas City 35-22 and twice beat Hannibal 34-17 and 35-18. The first loss came at the hands of St. Louis during season play by a score of 23-32 and the second defeat was by the New Jersey Wheelers, 25-27, in the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

The season's record against able-bodied teams, with several games remaining to be played, stands at thirteen wins and no losses. Thus far, total figures read as follows: 16 wins against 2 losses; the Gizz Kids have scored approximately 47.5 points per game as against an average of 20.8 points per game by their opponents; Jack Chase has averaged close to 16 points per game and John Prince has averaged about 10.5 points per game.

The Third National Invitational Wheelchair Basketball Tournament was held at the University of Illinois Gym Annex on March 29--31. The tourney was won by the St. Louis Rams for the second straight year. Second place went to Kansas City with New Jersey and New England P.V.A. taking third and fourth places respectively.

A complete standardization of rules was established with all four of the eastern teams--New England P.V.A., New Jersey, Brooklyn, and Bulova, joining the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. The National Wheelchair Basketball Association officers elected were as follows: President, Jack Gerhardt (New Jersey); Vice-president, Joe Graff (St. Louis); Secretary, Les Blankenship (U. of Illinois); and Treasurer, Doug Keaton (Kansas City). Tim Nugent was unanimously elected to the newly created office of Technical Advisor to the National Wheelchair Basketball Association.

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Last year, for the first time, the Gizz Kids took up baseball for the Spring activity following [illegible] in the Fall and basketball in the winter. The game was played under rules that were compiled through the years of competition between the Bullman and Frame Halls of the Eastern Point and also about other changes as agreed necessary by the members of the game and coach, Tim Bennett.

An elliptical diamond with 60 feet between bases and 65 feet between first and third bases was marked off in the University Agency. This lesser distance between first and third bases was necessary to diminish the fielding area for wheelchair players. The pitching distance was [illegible] feet from home plate and from this distance a 12 inch inseam ball was [illegible] overhanded. With these exceptions all other organized baseball rules applied to the game.

Two organized games were played with Delta Tau Delta, University Intramural Champions, and they posted victories in both contests by scores of 5-3 and 17-13.

Don Swift started on the pitching mound for the Gizz Kids in the first encounter and pitched four inning of one run ball before being relieved by John Prince in the fifth inning with the score deadlocked 1-1. The score remained tied until the last inning when the Delts scored four runs building up a 5-1 lead. A two run rally by the Gizz Kids in the last half of the inning fell too short to avoid the loss.

In the season's finale the Gizz Kids forced the Delta Tau Delta team into two extra innings before losing 17-13. Don Swift went all the way on the mound for the Gizz Kids, and John Harris and John Prince hit home runs for the losers. Les Blankenship was the leading batsman, maintaining the highest batting average for the Gizz Kids during the season.

Although this was the first year for baseball the team members enjoyed playing the game and with one year of experience behind them will be out to avenge the losses suffered last year and to start a winning streak of their own.

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Dear [illegible]:

I am very happy for the opportunity to make a [illegible] well-established Sigma Sigma. I am equally happy to have had [illegible] beginning of Delta Sigma Omicron and to have [illegible] that it has set out to accomplish. A venture which is [illegible] existence, a venture which possesses a challenge of [illegible] if successful in part or whole, will bear [illegible] have contributed very proud. In its very being, Delta Sigma Omicron [illegible] buted much to all society and I am certain will continue to contribute to all society in a still greater way.

Looking back three years, I see a realm of explosions, a great need [illegible] desire for an opportunity for the physically handicapped to [illegible] education, a need and a desire for activities that will enable the handicapped to experience all those things which most of us have accepted [illegible] a need for public education, social integration and [illegible] almost impossible to realize. To meet these needs and [illegible] money and a greater amount of work since all of them in the [illegible] were at that time apart from the normal. Not too much later I [illegible] with a small band of wheelchair students and other severely handicapped [illegible] not only willing but determined that these needs and desires should [illegible] and because of their determination, sincerity and enthusiasm, Delta Sigma Omicron was born. At the time of its birth it had nothing but a heart and a [illegible] fellowship and determination which would make anyone proud and warm [illegible] beginning of absolutely nothing, Delta Sigma Omicron has grown to [illegible] whose accomplishments should make anyone proud and warm, especially [illegible] an organization whose very purpose of existence is great; an organization which has served some 75 members and thousands of countless other people [illegible] a [illegible]; an organization which now possesses approximately $10,000 [illegible] assets and an immeasurable value in services, benefits and [illegible] an organization which has gained the recognition and respect of [illegible] principal leaders in the field of physical rehabilitation and education [illegible] organization which has accomplished a great deal toward its objective [illegible] education regarding the handicapped and has the favor of the people [illegible] behind it.

Delta Sigma Omicron has made a tremendous beginning, a very impressive [illegible] The job, however, has just begun. It is one thing to begin something, [illegible] it with an air of grandeur, and another thing to maintain what has been [illegible] to make it lasting. It is only in the lasting qualities of Delta Sigma Omicron that the full purpose for its very initiation will be realized. [illegible] minority that can and should benefit from Delta Sigma Omicron [illegible] touched by it. An organization such as Delta Sigma Omicron [illegible] thousands of thousands of other people that [illegible] The task of perpetuation, that is to say, the task of [illegible] accomplishments of Delta Sigma Omicron lasting [illegible] than the task of [illegible] its beginning. [illegible]

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[illegible] Delta Sigma Omicron [illegible] our abilities [illegible] to [illegible] must [illegible] serve [illegible]." [illegible]" (In union is strength).

[illegible] learned [illegible] from our [illegible] with Delta Sigma Omicron [illegible] certain principles [illegible] adjusted to [illegible] from time to time [illegible] organization [illegible]. An organization with a birth and a purpose [illegible] Delta Sigma Omicron's [illegible], but it must be prepared to [illegible] ideas [illegible] in such a way [illegible] to do the maximum good for the maximum number of people.

The idea in itself [illegible] and never will constitute success.

I am proud to [illegible] with Delta Sigma Omicron since its beginning three years ago. I pledge myself to its service whenever called upon [illegible] capacity.

Very sincerely,

T. J. Nugent

T. J. Nugent, Couns. & Admin.
Special Rehabilitation Program,
Faculty Advisor, Delta Sigma Omicron

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A SPECIAL THANKS

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TO YOU

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